



Part one: Reading

Read the text carefully then do the activities

In the southwestern part of the United States, in the state of Arizona, is the Salt River Valley. In this valley there is a city named Phoenix; which grew upon the ruins of an earlier village. The first village, built by the Indians many years ago, had been deserted. The Indians, who were living in this valley when the white men came in, called the people who had built the village "The people who had gone". While Phoenix is not the oldest city in the country, the site on which it stands is one of the oldest.

Most large cities began near waterways. But Phoenix grew up in the desert, far from any such waterways. For hundreds of miles around Phoenix, the land is quite different from the eastern parts of the country. This is desert land; the soils are very fertile, but often are of little use because there is no water.

To the north and east, stretches a great mountain region. Here is the fertile soil and here is the water to irrigate the soil to raise rich crops. Scattered over this part of the country are ruins of buildings built by people who lived in the valleys more than a thousand years ago.

Workmen in Phoenix still dig up bones and pottery of the first people who lived there. These things tell us that these early people built houses, used dishes and dug canals. They had found that the soil in the valley was rich. They had learned how to use the water of the Salt River to grow their crops by digging canals to carry the water to their fields.

A - Comprehension:

1) Circle (a, b or c) that best complete the statements A and B

A- The aim of the passage is to:

a- Argue a point b- inform c- entrain

B- The text is addressed to:

a- Specialists b- the people of phoenix.

2) In which paragraph is the location of phoenix mentioned?

3) Are the following statements true or false:

a- Three groups of people have lived in the city of phoenix.

b- The white men did not meet the people who built phoenix.

c- Very few large cities started near water ways.

d- The white men showed the Indians how to cultivate the land.

4) Answer the following questions according to the text:

a- What help us understand how ancient people lived?

b- How did the people of phoenix solve the problem of water?

5) Choose the suitable title:

a- People's activities in phoenix.

b- Phoenix : A city that grew in the desert.

c- The Architecture of phoenix.

Text exploration:

1) Find in the text the words whose definition follow:

a- Land between mountains §1.

b- Buildings that have been destroyed broken §1

c- Fruit, vegetables and cereals....§3.

d- Land for growing fruit and vegetables §4

2) Select the appropriate connector then complete the sentences below:

Because- although- after-until.

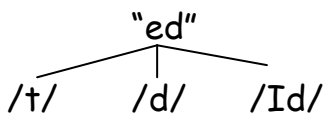
a- The Indians had lived in the village.....the white men came in.

b- most large cities grew near waterways, phoenix grew up in the desert.

3) Fill in the table with the missing word category:

Verbs	Noun	Adjective
.....	Different
.....	Use
.....	education

4) Classify these words according to the pronunciation of 'ed'
Cultivated - wished - learned- explored.



5) Reorder the following sentences to make a coherent paragraph.

- a- Consequently, many civilizations could write their history .
- b- The letters were written on clay tablets.
- c- It was the Sumerians who first used a writing system.
- d- Because paper had not been invented yet.

Part Three: Written Expression

Choose one of the following topics:

Topic 1: Explain why most of the ancient civilizations developed along rivers. You may use the following ideas:

- Water for house hold.
- Agriculture.
- Breeding animals.
- Transport.

Topic 2:

Write about an ancient civilization. Write about its rise and fall and its achievements.

The Answers

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2nd subject

Part one:

1- A-b (1pt)

B-b

2- In the first paragraph. (0.5pt)

3- a-true, b-true, c-false, d-false. (2pts)

4-

a- The bones and pottery of the first people help us understand how ancient people lived. (02pts)

b- The people of phoenix solved the problem of water by digging canals to carry the water to their field.

5- b. (01pt)

text exploration:

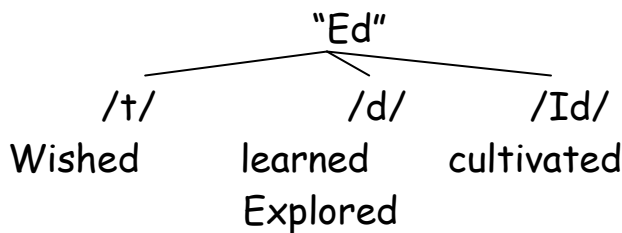
1- a-valley, b-ruins, c-crops, d-field. (02pts)

2- A-Until, B-Although. (01pt)

3- (1.5pt)

Verb	Noun	Adj
Differ	Difference	Different
Use	Use	Useful/less
Educate	Education	educational

4- (01pt)



5- c, b, d, a

writing: (06pts)